AFD's STAR WARS® UPDATE

Special Luke Skywalker Jedi Knight "Theater Edition" figure

Darth Vader's TIE Fighter

Return of the Jedi Special Edition Trilogy Figure

A special carded Luke Skywalker Jedi Knight figure was produced by Kenner for 20th Century Fox. These "Theater Edition" figures were mounted on unique *Star Wars Trilogy* logo cards. Copy at the bottom of the card front reads, "*Return of the Jedi* Special Edition Opening Day. March 7, 1997." Since the opening day was delayed one week, distribution was actually made on March 14, 1997 to the first 50 attendees at the first full-price showing around 7:00 p.m. Even though the instructions were very specific, some theaters made the distribution at the first showing around 11:00 a.m.

Return of the Jedi was scheduled for more than 2,100 screens; as many as four screens per theater. But no matter how many screens were playing the film, each theater received only 50-100 figures, depending on the number of screens. *AFD* sources indicate most theaters were single-screen houses. Approximately 1,500 different theaters received 50 figures, and about 600 received 100 figures. If so, about 135,000 special carded figures were given. The number released publicly was 150,000 made. That still leaves about 15,000 figures. Where are they?

How many released figures have survived?

News of the special figure was on the Internet for nearly 3 weeks before *Jedi* opened, but details on exactly how these free figures were to be distributed was not. Clearly, the message didn't get through to the general public. Not even 50 people showed up for the 6:55 showing at a local cinema, and figures were left over for the 7:20 showing. Elsewhere in *AFD*'s area, the figures were given at matinee showings. At a third, the lack of collector presence was obvious. Kids opened the figures on the spot and began having miniature lightsaber battles while waiting for the film to begin. Large multiplex showcases and some larger city locations attracted dealers who paid $5 to $10 each to acquire the figures from willing sellers.

A search of flea market dealers the next day failed to produce any special figures from normal sources. Further digging at out-of-the-way flea markets finally located two special figures in the afternoon. The asking price was $25 each. Several dealers mentioned pickers who promised them figures or people showing them, but who declined to sell until they had a better fix on the market. Subsequent contacts have located individuals who have acquired multiple movie edition figures. One person bought four tickets and was given as many figures. Another collector paid to take his friends and kept all six figures. One guy somehow managed to get eleven. One theater manager kept all 50 because "no one asked for any." Theater employees managed to deplete the initial supply by 5 to 10 figures in several cases reported.

To say *Star Wars* is the hottest collecting interest going is probably a gross understatement. This special figure obviously caught many collectors by surprise. Speculators and opportunists, however, have preserved a fairly good stash for the secondary market. The price jockeying has already begun, but it will be a good 3 or 4 months before the value of this figure solidifies. Figures toted home by non-collectors as souvenirs may take years to surface at garage sales and local flea markets. This special Luke Jedi figure is sure to cause collector excitement for many years to come. Likewise, stories of how figures got opened are just as sure to escalate as the value grows. This could change, however, should another 15,000 figures surface.

Spirit of Obi-Wan Kenobi Deadline Nears

The Lay's Potato Chips offer to get this special transparent figure expires June 1, 1997. The deadline could easily have read May 31. A quick glance at the expiration date might lead some to think there is an extra month to order instead of a single day in June. So get those orders in fellow potato chip crunchers so you don't miss the order cut-off date.

Don Post Revives Original Chewbacca Mask Design

Chewbacca masks were first produced in 1977 with a fierce, open-mouth face. About 500 of these were made before the mask was replaced with a closed-mouth version in 1978. For 1997, Don Post has announced the return of the original mask design.

New Scholastic Titles

Four new titles are available from Scholastic: *The Complete Star Wars Trilogy Scrapbook*, and revised storybooks for each of the Trilogy films with new photos.

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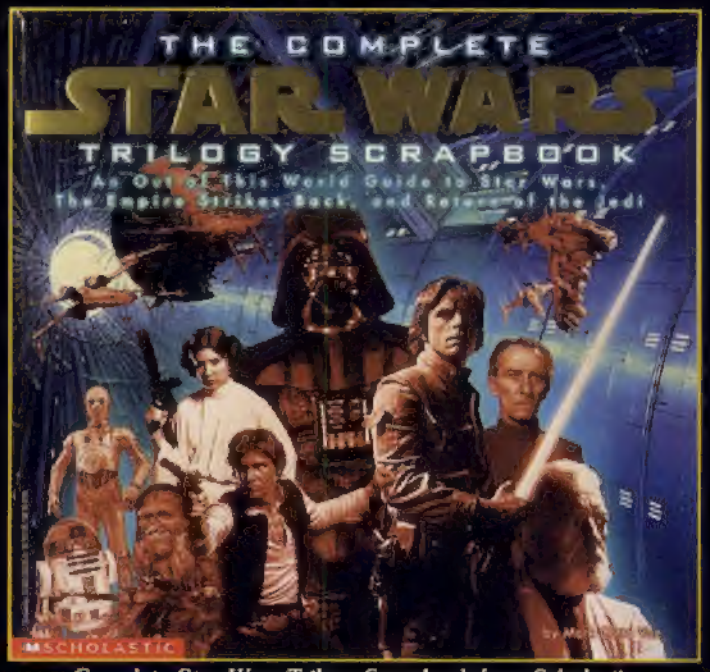
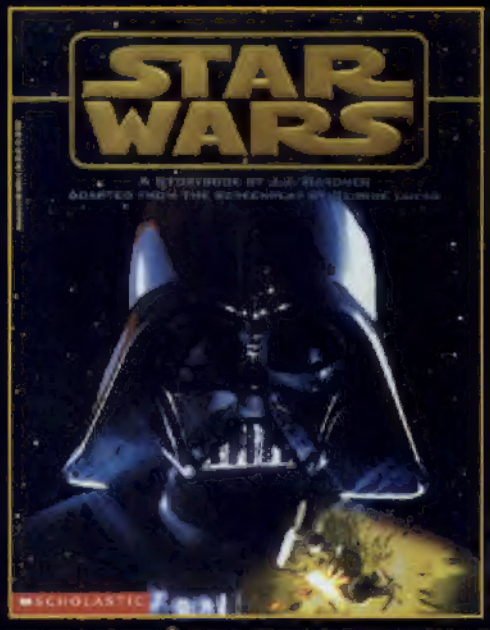
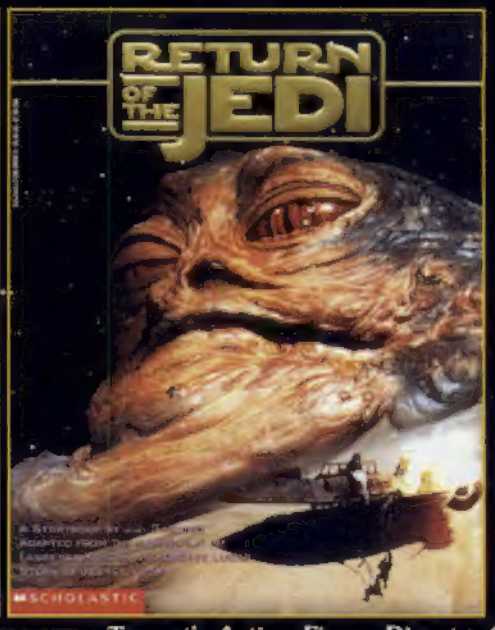
New Don Post Chewbacca mask



Complete *Star Wars* Trilogy Scrapbook from Scholastic





Other New Releases

Del Rey has re-released the original *Star Wars* novels with Trilogy Covers. Rose Art has a new "Droid Factory" activity set. Tiger *Star Wars* items continue to flow to retail. Two squawk boxes are shown below...watch for additional releases next issue.

Re-releases of the original *Star Wars* novels

Rose Art's Droid Factory

STAR WARS
Record and play back!
Voice changer - play in slow motion or at lightspeed!
3 actual sound effects from
MILLENNIUM FALCON SQUAWK BOX

New electronic toys from Tiger

SPAWN

Spawn series 8 figures (shown below) are scheduled for availability in May of '97. Figures will be released in conjunction with a new HBO animated series, featuring the voices of Keith David as Spawn and Richard Dysart as Cogliostro.

Special Edition Spawn III

Sabre

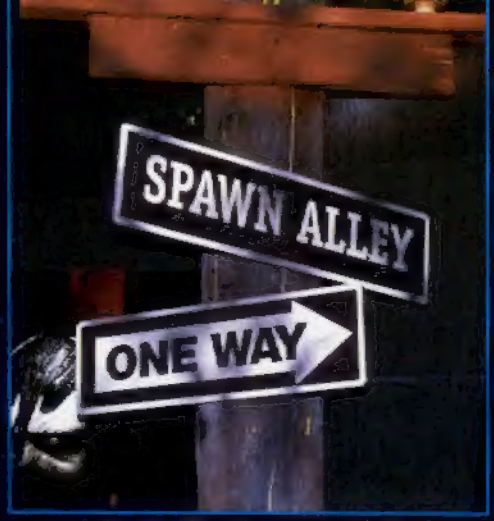
Grave Digger

Rotarr

Renegade

Curse of the Spawn

Gate Keeper



Spawn Alley Showroom detail

Burnt Spawn

Regular Spawn

Clown figure with Violator Head mask

Jessica Priest

Jason Wynn

Malebolgia head detail

Spawn: The Movie

The movie adaptation of Todd McFarlane's vanguard character is scheduled for August release on 2,000 screens throughout the U.S. The film stars Michael Jai White, Martin Sheen, and John Leguizamo, and features special effects by Industrial Light and Magic.

Action figures from the film will be timed to coincide with the motion picture release. Basic figures (shown on opposite page) are scheduled for June availability, with deluxe boxed figures (shown on the bottom row of this page) slated to follow in July. A *Spawn* video game for the Sony Playstation is scheduled for May/June release.

The Clown and Spawn in a scene from *Spawn: The Movie*

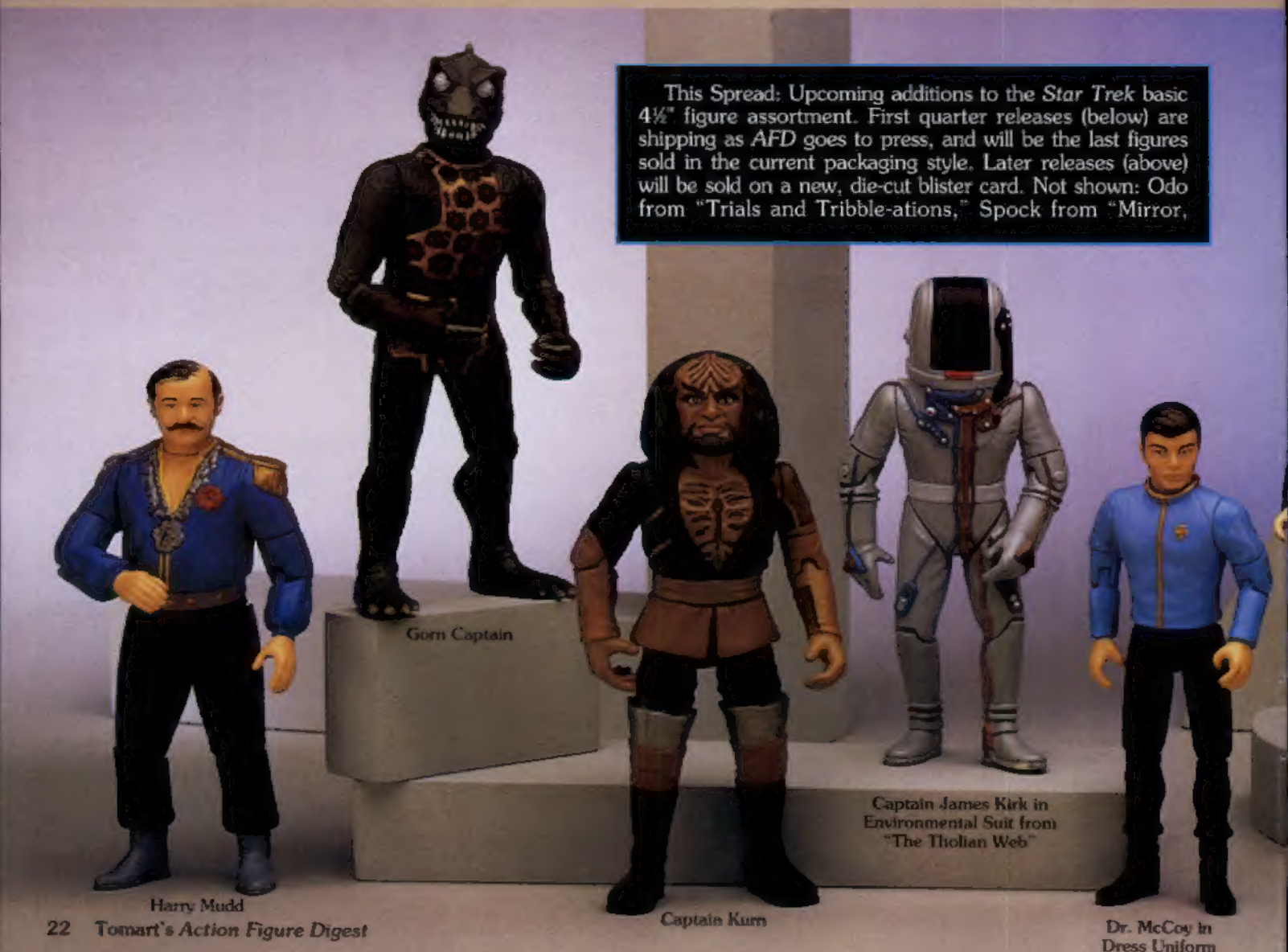
Film props from *Spawn: The Movie*

Deluxe Boxed Figure assortment. Left to right: Violator, Spawn, and Malebolgia.

STAR TREK

Star Trek collectors will have no less than four figure sizes to choose from in 1997. *Strike Force* figure packs (above) and playsets (below) feature tiny 1¼" articulated figures. See the next three pages for larger sizes...

This Spread: Upcoming additions to the *Star Trek* basic 4½" figure assortment. First quarter releases (below) are shipping as *AFD* goes to press, and will be the last figures sold in the current packaging style. Later releases (above) will be sold on a new, die-cut blister card. Not shown: Odo from "Trials and Tribble-ations," Spock from "Mirror,


Gorn Captain
Harry Mudd
Captain Kurn
Captain James Kirk in Environmental Suit from "The Tholian Web"
Dr. McCoy in Dress Uniform

Edith Keeler

Captain Beverly Picard

Captain Koloth

Ilia

Dax in Dress Uniform

Leeta, the Dabo Girl

Sisko as Klingon

New figure packs will be similar to the artwork shown at right.

Dr. Beverly Crusher from Star Trek: Generations

Professor Data from "All Good Things"

Captain Sisko

The Mugato

Tom Paris Mutated from "Threshold"

Seska as Cardassian

Q with Fencing Action and Firing Musket
Commander Riker with Phaser Draw Action and Firing Phaser Rifle
Lt. Commander Worf with Bat'tleh Combat Action and Firing Klingon Rifle
Captain Picard with Fencing Action and Firing Phaser Rifle
Borg with Firing Arm and Mechanical Grab Action

Above: Six-inch Combat Action assortment features spring-activated action features. Below: New 9" Collector Series figures for 1997. Not shown: Chief Engineer B'Elanna Torres.

X-MEN SAVAGE LAND

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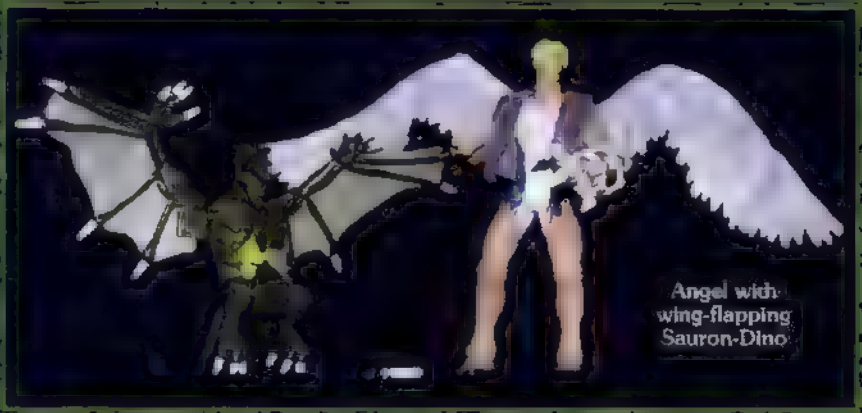
The *X-Men* travel to the Savage Land to aid Ka-Zar against Magneto. Each 5" figure will come with a dinosaur accessory.



Angel with wing-flapping Sauron-Dino

Ka-Zar with Jumping Zabu Tiger

Magneto with Water-Spitting Amphibious

Savage Wolverine with Jaw-Chomping Crawler-Rex

Savage Storm with Head-Ramming Colossus Dino

TOY BIZ

WEB SPLASHERS

Shark Trap Spidey

Shark Trap for Shark Trap Spidey

Spider-Man Web Splashers

Venom and Dr. Octopus plan to flood the world by melting the polar ice caps, so Spidey has created special floating weapons and deep-sea gear to save the world. These toys make for great summer pool play. Each figure includes a small hand pump. Two deluxe Wave Jumpers come with special figures.

Sea Diver Spidey launches from inflatable Sea Spider

Black Sea Venom with Inflatable Stingray Symbiote

TOY BIZ
WAVE JUMPER
WAVE JUMPER
Web Splashers Showroom Display
Above and below: Sea Hunter Spidey with inflatable Web Raft and Scuba Gear
Deep Sea Dr. Octopus with inflatable Octo-Legs

TOY BIZ

Toy Biz has contracted with 18 popular NASCAR drivers to produce 9 action figures and 12 collectorized figures. Three have already been issued. Drivers for points are shown below. Several types of cars will also be produced.

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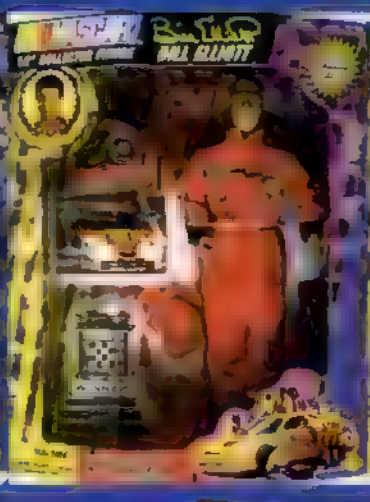
Terry Labonte

Jeff Gordon



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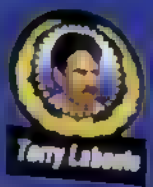
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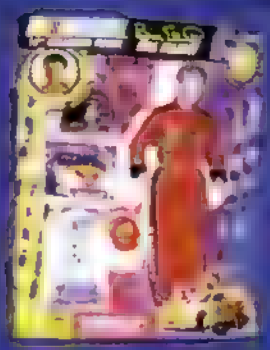
NASCAR

Bill Elliott



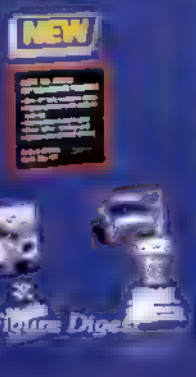
Bobby Labonte

Mark Martin

Dale Jarrett

COLLECT ALL SIX DRIVERS

NEW

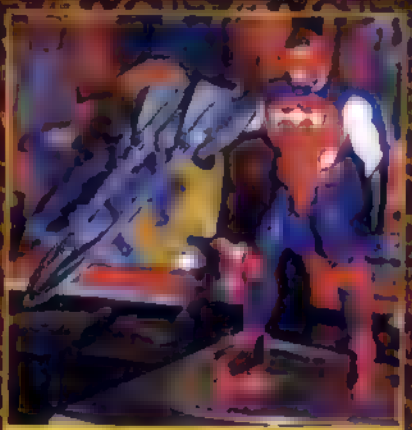


NEW

Nightbunter Robin vs. Evil Entrapment Poison Ivy 2-Pack

Batgirl & Ice Strike Cycle Mini Vehicle

Batgirl

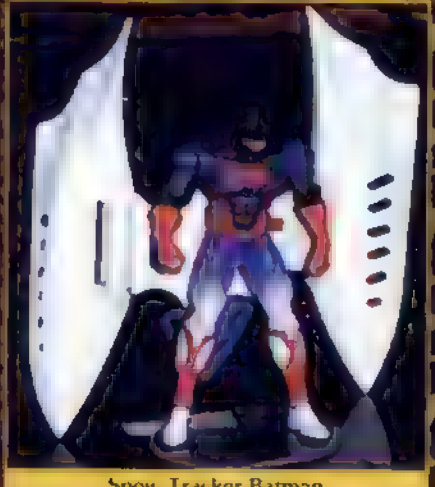


Razor Skate Robin

Hover Attack Batman

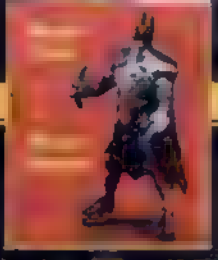
Blade Blast Robin

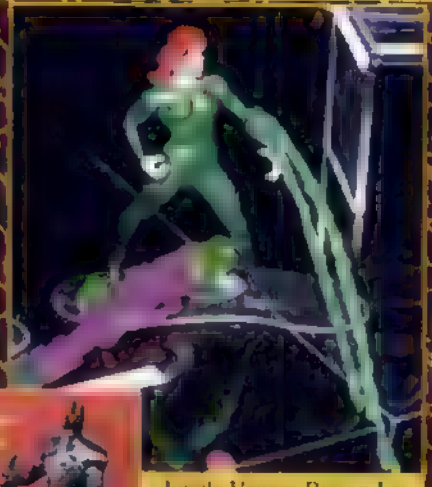
Heat Scan Batman



Snow Tracker Batman

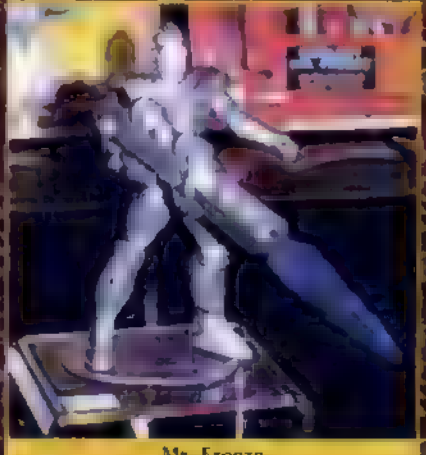
Bane





Jungle Venom Poison Ivy

Iceblast Mr. Freeze



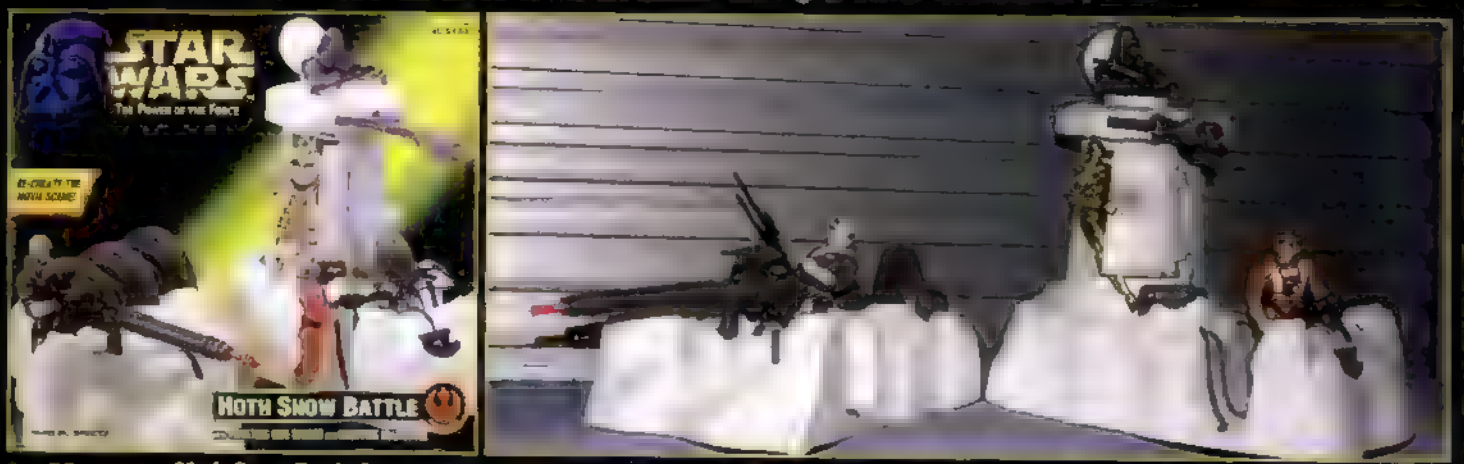
Mr. Freeze

Robin & Redbird Cycle Mini Vehicle

Iceblast Mr. Freeze

STAR WARS

Endor Ambush Bunker features secret doors, exploding satellite, and tree trunk with hidden laser cannon.



Hoth Snow Battle features laser cannon turret, "exploding" generators, and pop-up image of Obi-Wan Kenobi.

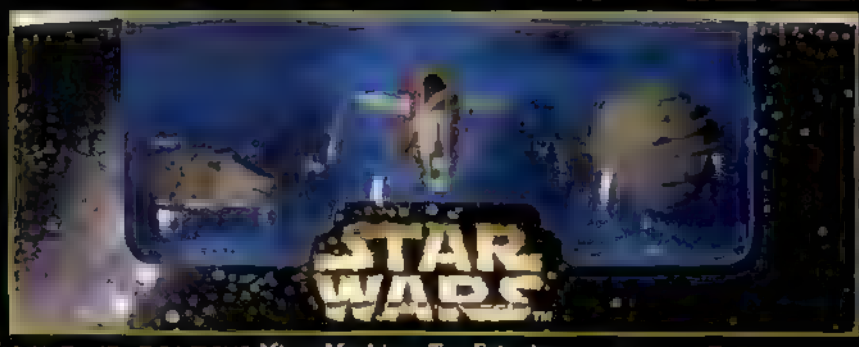
Packaging samples for Collector Fleet vehicles, Collector Series Admiral Ackbar, and new Kenner craft playsets.

Kenner's Toy Fair Showroom

Topps's Action Figure Digest

Micro Machines

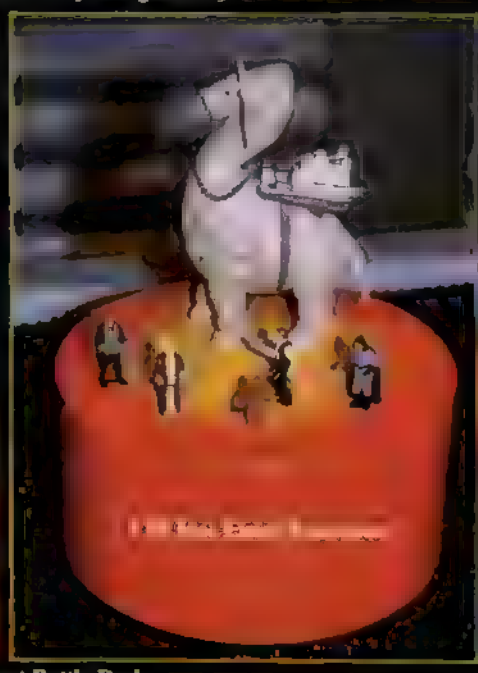
STAR WARS ACTION FLEET



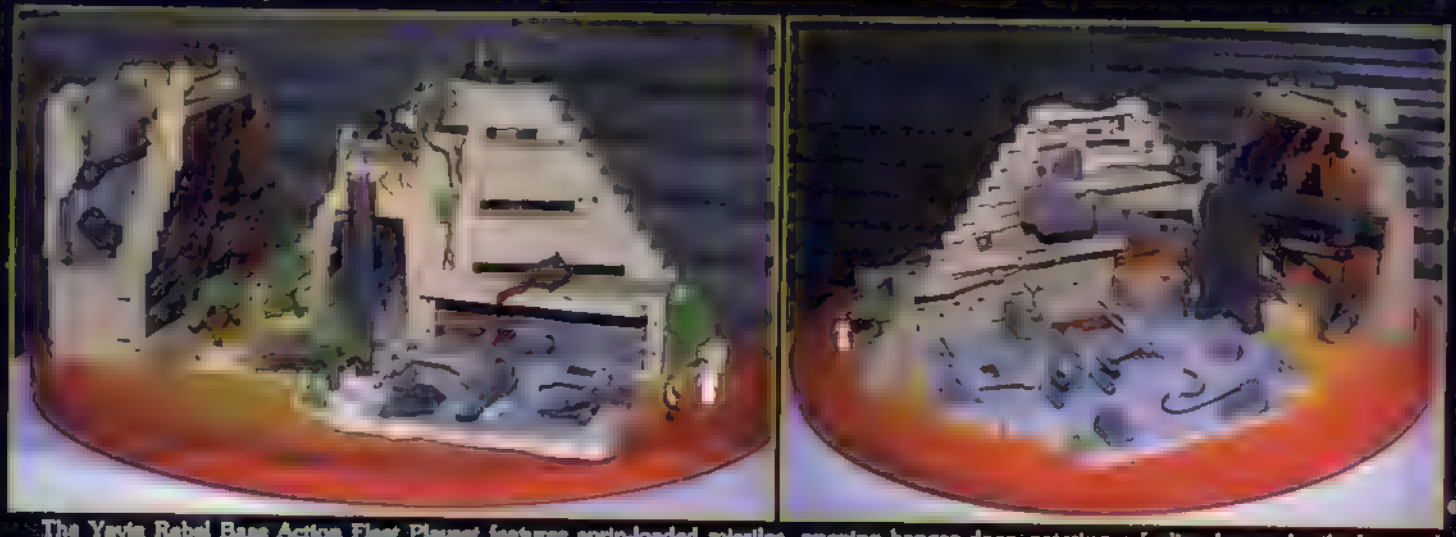
Micro Machines Toy Fair giveaway

Entrance to the Galoob *Star Wars* showroom

New Action Fleet Battle Packs



The *Star Wars* Action Fleet assortment will be freshened with a few new molds. Six "New Squadron Colors" repaints round out new releases. Top row: X-wing Starfighter with Jek Porkins (Red 6) and R2 Unit, X-wing Starfighter with Wedge Antilles and R2 Unit, Y-wing Starfighter with Pilot and R2 Unit, and A-wing with Mon Mothma and Rebel Pilot. Bottom row: Rancor with Luke Skywalker and Gamorrean Guard, B-wing Starfighter with Rebel Pilot and Admiral Ackbar, TIE Fighter with Imperial Pilot and Grand Moff Tarkin, Bespin Twin-Pod Cloud Car with Cloud Car Pilot and Lobot, and Rebel Snowspeeder with pilot and gunner.



The Yavin Rebel Base Action Fleet Playset features sprin-loaded missiles, opening hanger door, rotating refueling boom, battle-damaged X-wing, and six Action Fleet scale figures. Like the earlier Hoth and Death Star playsets, the Yavin set features exclusive art by Ralph McQuarrie.

Assorted views of Galoob's Star Wars Action Fleet and Micro Machines showrooms.

Poacher

Corn Boy

Brain Drain

Smuggler

Quartz

Blitz

Warriors of Virtue is a fascinating project. Each character is like a life size action figure. There are humans inside to provide mobility and martial arts talent, but each animal-like head is also loaded with remote-controlled motors which give each beast character an uncanny life-like presence. Behind the cameras are an army of R/C puppeteers. One person moves the mouth, another blinks the eyes, and so on for each character. Actors view the outside world through a single fiber optic strand camera located between the eyes. Images picked up by the lens are seen on miniature TV screens in front of each eye. All sense of peripheral vision is lost, causing the actors a laborious adjustment period before they can perform many of the tasks the film calls upon them to do. Each head costs more than a Ferrari, and each character requires a team of people to coordinate their actions to achieve the effects captured on film.

Figure versions of Willy Beest and Mosely

The challenge was obvious as your *AFD* editors watched two characters being prepared for a publicity event at Toy Fair. Later that evening 26 minutes of the film were exhibited and one could never guess how these beasts could be so real had they not witnessed the previous event.

Figure display for *Warriors of Virtue*. Ball-jointed construction and the tails of the five heroes enable dramatic fighting poses.

The illusion of life. Each character from *Warriors of Virtue* requires an actor in costume and several remote control puppeteers.

Press and buyer party at New York's All-Star Cafe.
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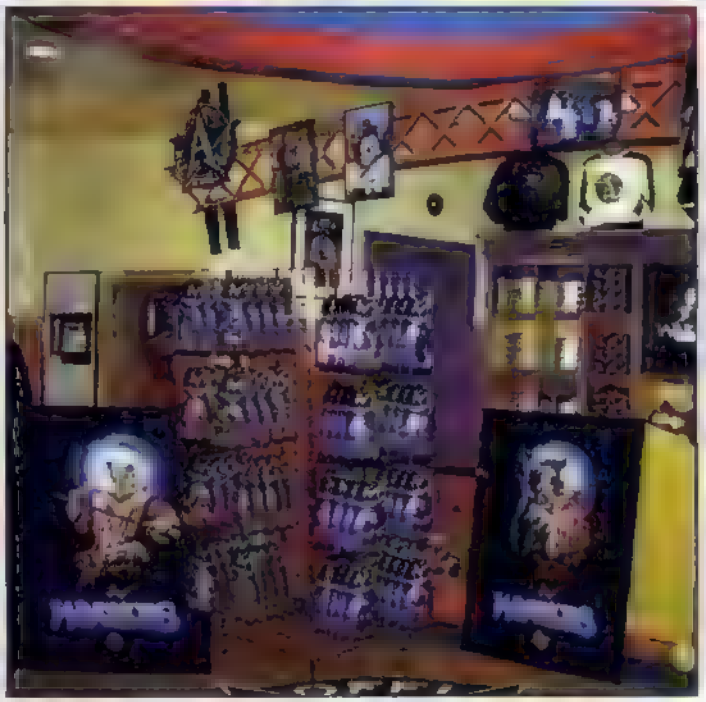

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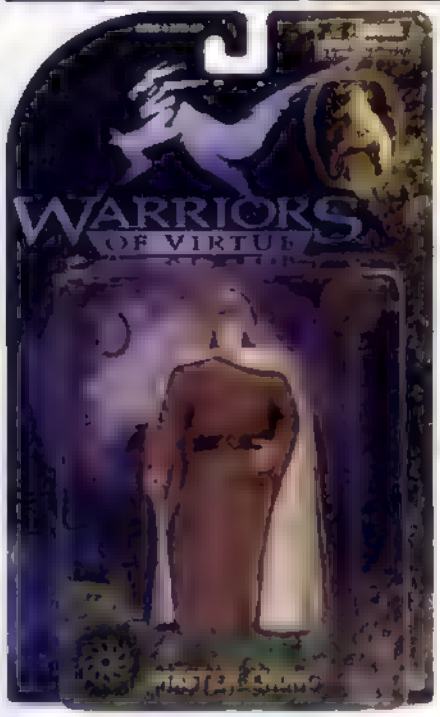
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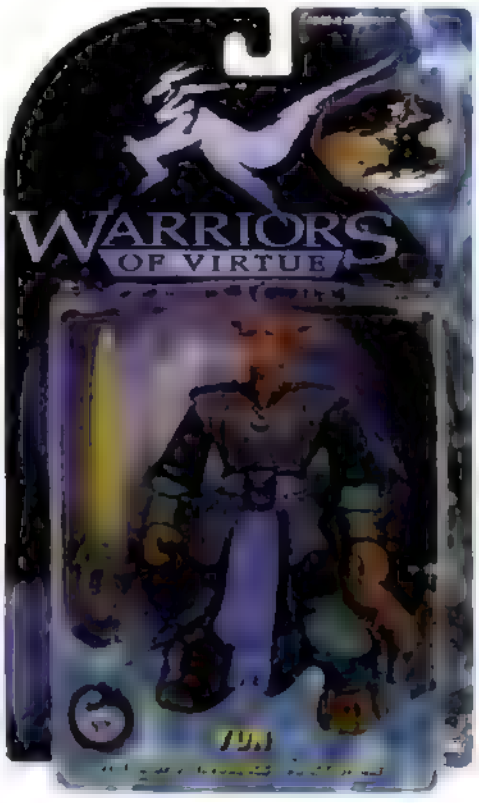
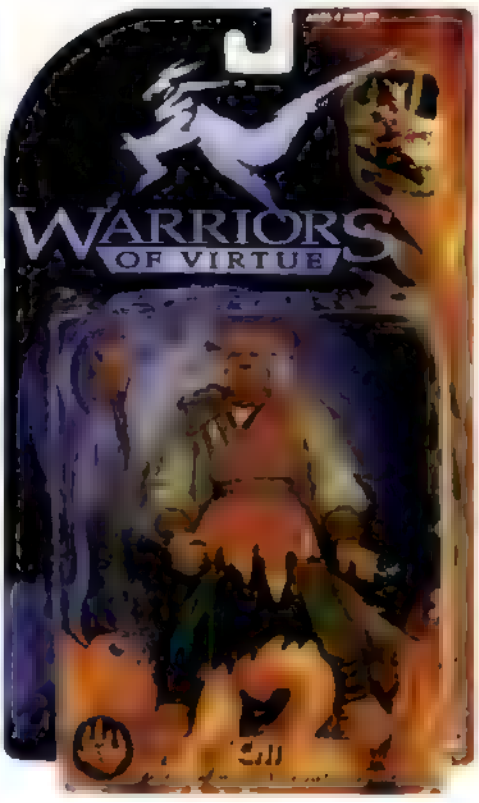
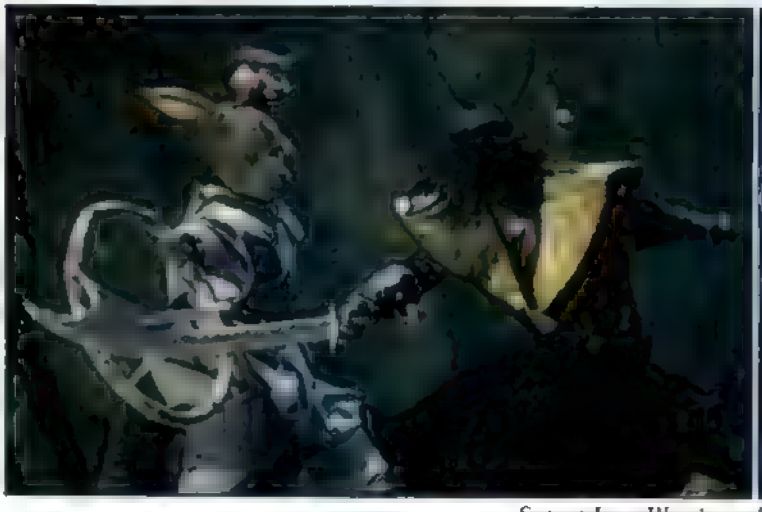


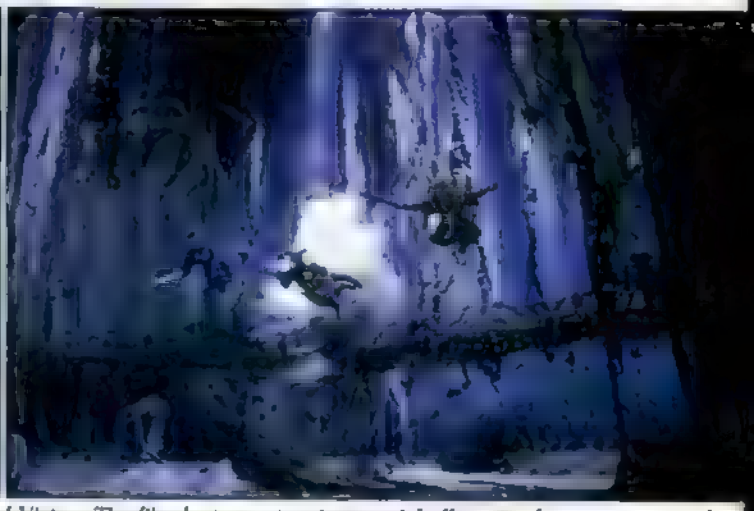


Willy Beest and Mosely pay a visit to the Toy Fair Press Center

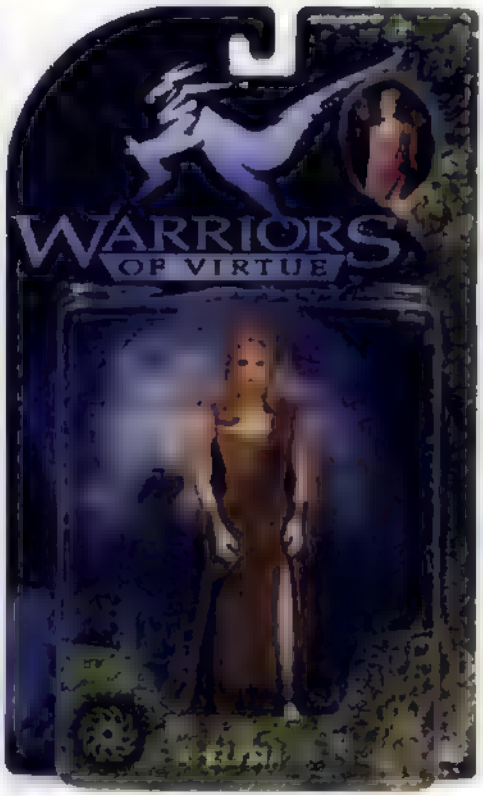
There wasn't enough footage to truly evaluate the film, but the stunts and special effects were eye-popping. If a story develops to bring it all together, the film could be a real sleeper and create a huge toy demand.

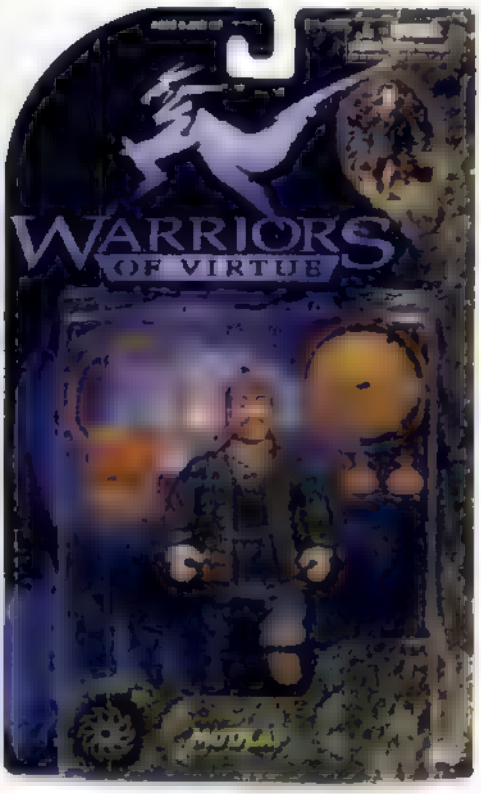
The story takes place in the land of Tao, a serene world inhabited by animal mutants, dwarves and other unusual characters on which fantasy is based. When the dreaded Komodo and his evil followers arrive on Tao from another world, Master Chung finds himself transported from Earth with his beautiful ward, Elysia. By accident, Ryan, a young boy from Earth, is also transported. Master Chung recruits five kangaroo-like inhabitants and trains them. They adopt the names and the spectacular fighting styles which correspond to the traditional five classic virtues described over 2500 years ago: Benevolence, Righteousness, Order, Wisdom, and





Scenes from *Warriors of Virtue*. The film features stunning special effects, and suprising martial art





Loyalty. They become the Warriors of Virtue. Their weapons come from nature — the force of water, the strength of steel the integrity of wood, the power of fire, and the security of earth

The action figures have no remote-control features but the tails on the five kangaroo-like warriors offer some incredible poseability in fighting positions not found in other martial arts figures

The mysterious and deadly, Barbarocious is one of Komodo's most effective assassins. Invisible until the moment she attacks, she poisons her victims with one touch of her venomous claws Her lethal beauty is captured in plastic and is sure to be a popular figure with collectors The Komodo figure is much less evil, but Grillo makes up for the good looks of the chaotic leader Of the sixteen different figures, there are five villains The kids will love Willy Beest, Mosely and the five Warriors The success of the whole concept will depend on how well the film is received

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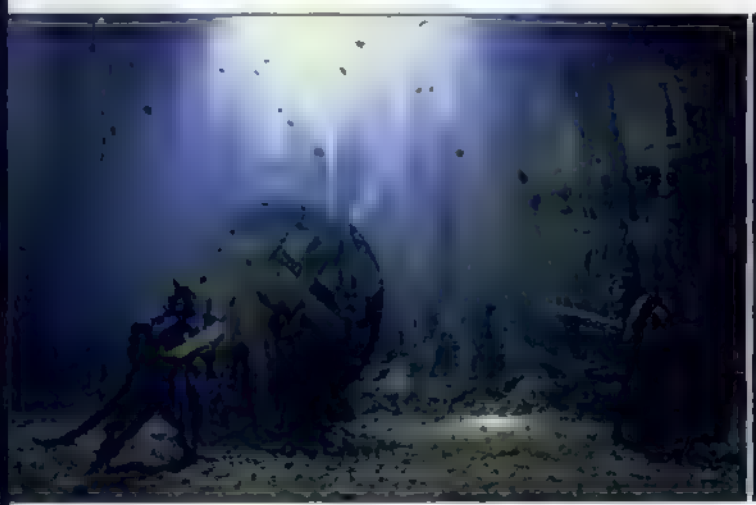
Action figures will be produced in two sizes



rom the costumed characters. The success of the film will determine the popularity of the toy line.

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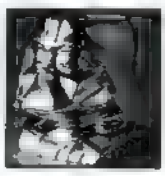

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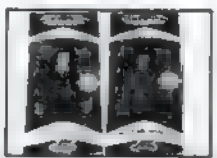

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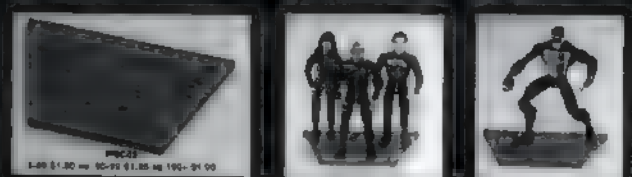

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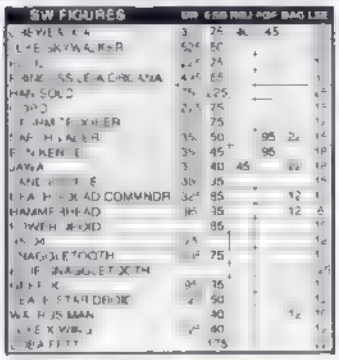

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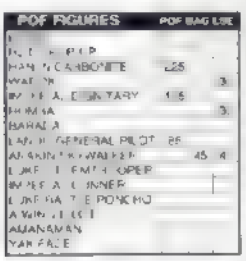

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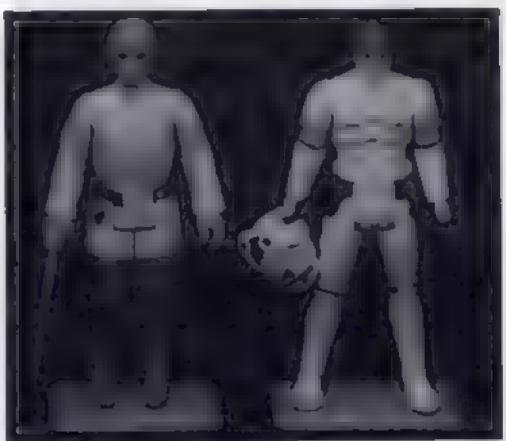

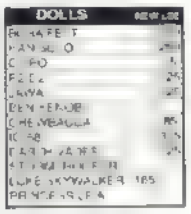

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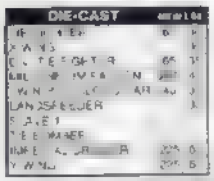

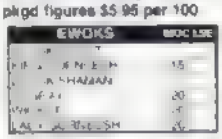

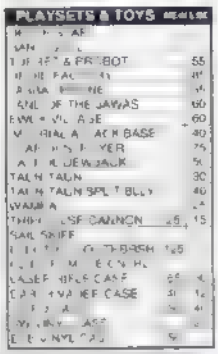

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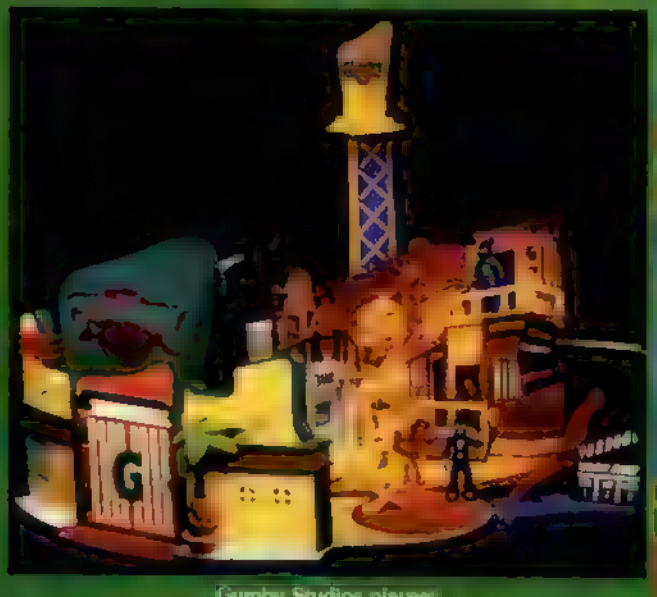

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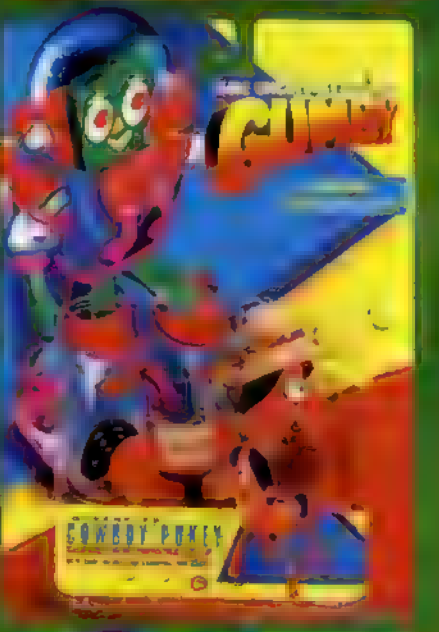

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Friday morning will be the official start of the convention with registration, dealer set-up, display set-up and seminars by well known G.I. Joe enthusiasts like ***Paul Ivy, Ted Isaacs, Jeff Kilian, Charles Griffith*** and a special ***Hasbro Roundtable*** discussion. On Friday afternoon we will open the ***sales floor*** to registered guests.

For those non-Joe enthusiasts (spouses, etc.) we are offering special tours departing Friday morning to the ***Filoli Center*** (mansion shown on the ***Dynasty*** TV show) and the ***Stanford Mall***, along with a trip for the children to the ***Discovery Museums*** in downtown San Jose.

On ***Saturday*** morning the ***sales floor*** will open early to registered attendees with the general public being admitted at 10am. Collecting seminars will also be available all day. Hourly door prizes will be awarded and you must be present to win Saturday night promises to be a big event with dinner on the veranda.

Optional tours on Saturday include a trip to the ***Great Mall of the Bay Area*** which houses ***200 manufacturer's outlets*** and a trip for the kids to Paramount's Great America Theme Park.

Sunday will provide you an opportunity to attend ***additional seminars***, spend more time on the ***sales floor*** along with the chance to win several wonderful prizes. At 3:00 we will draw for a free trip to the 1998 convention and you must be present to win. Don't leave early and miss out on all the great prizes!

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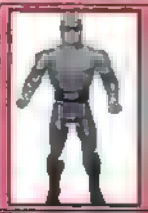

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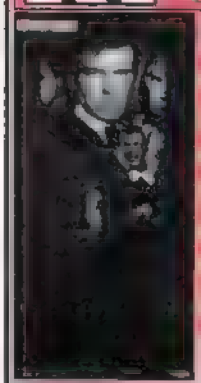

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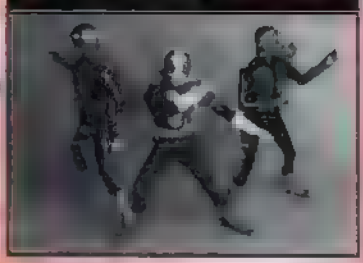

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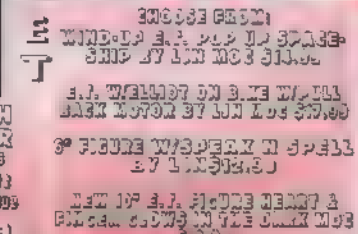

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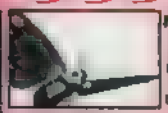

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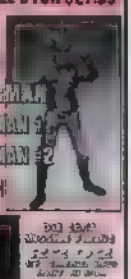

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The figure shown is a first shot prototype. Changes to be made will include a more tan jumpsuit. The web gear will be a different material, probably leather. The chute deployment handle will a different design and will closely simulate the actual parachute with the release mounted on the front of the webbing. The soles of the boots will be painted.

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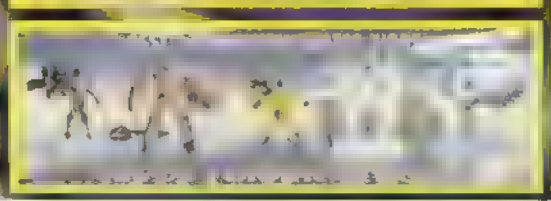

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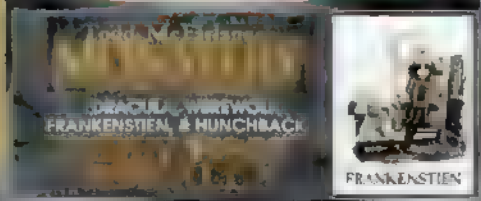

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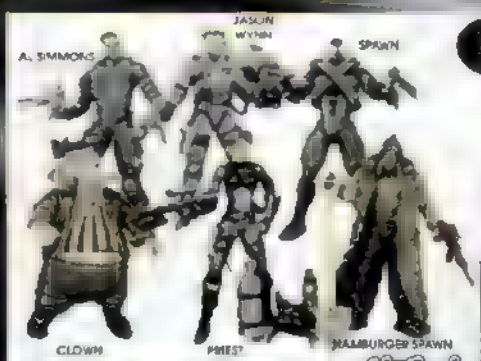

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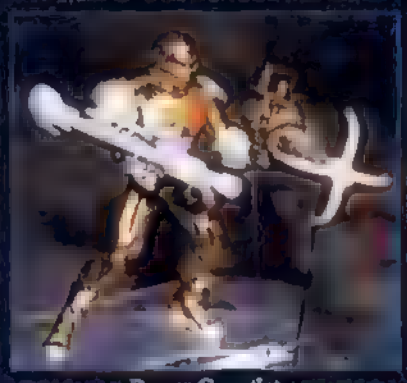

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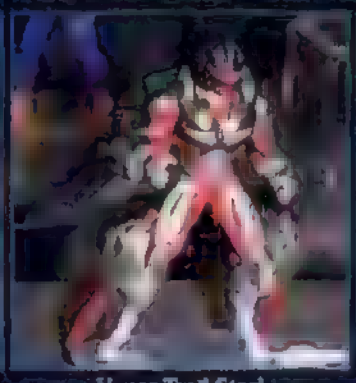

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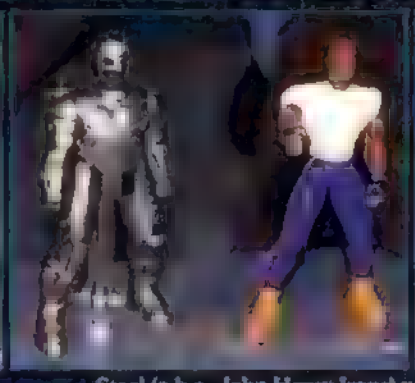

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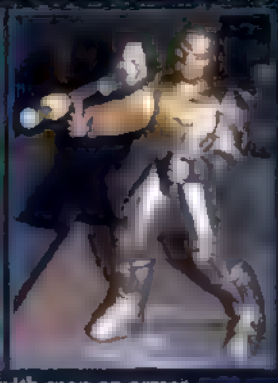

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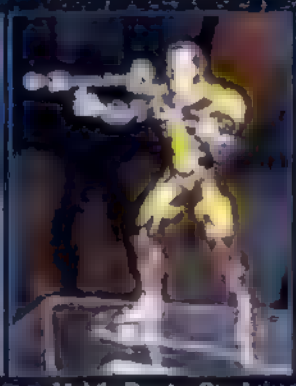

Mobile Barrier Steel

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ReBoot Gets Rebooted for Canada Only

Some of the most interesting *ReBoot* figures to date were on exhibit in the Irwin showroom at Toy Fair. Since no one was available to run through the line for *AFD*, we don't even know most of their names. Existing characters are getting older in the series, and new characters are being added.

The exhibit, however, was small, and there is some question as to whether these will actually be made. The new figures were not shown in the Canadian catalog. Perhaps this was because of last-minute availability of the prototypes. The figures will most likely not be available in the U.S., as Irwin renewed the *ReBoot* license for Canada only.

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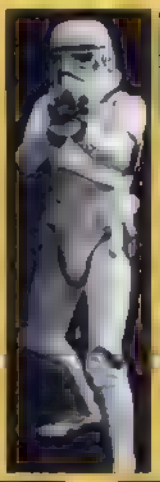

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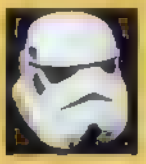

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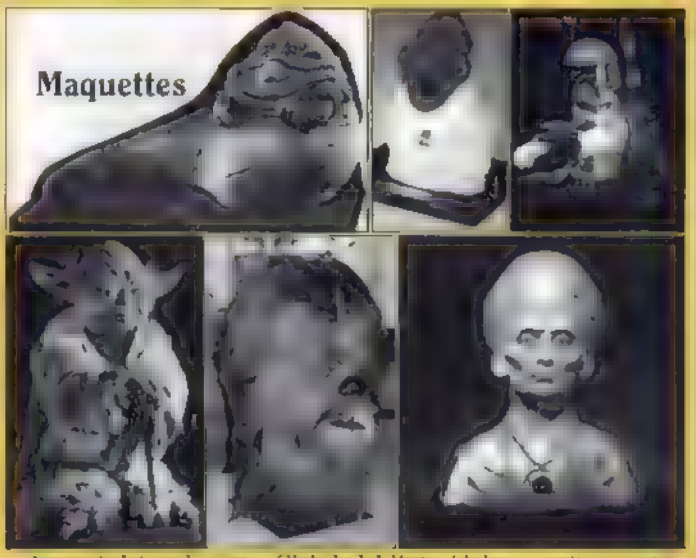

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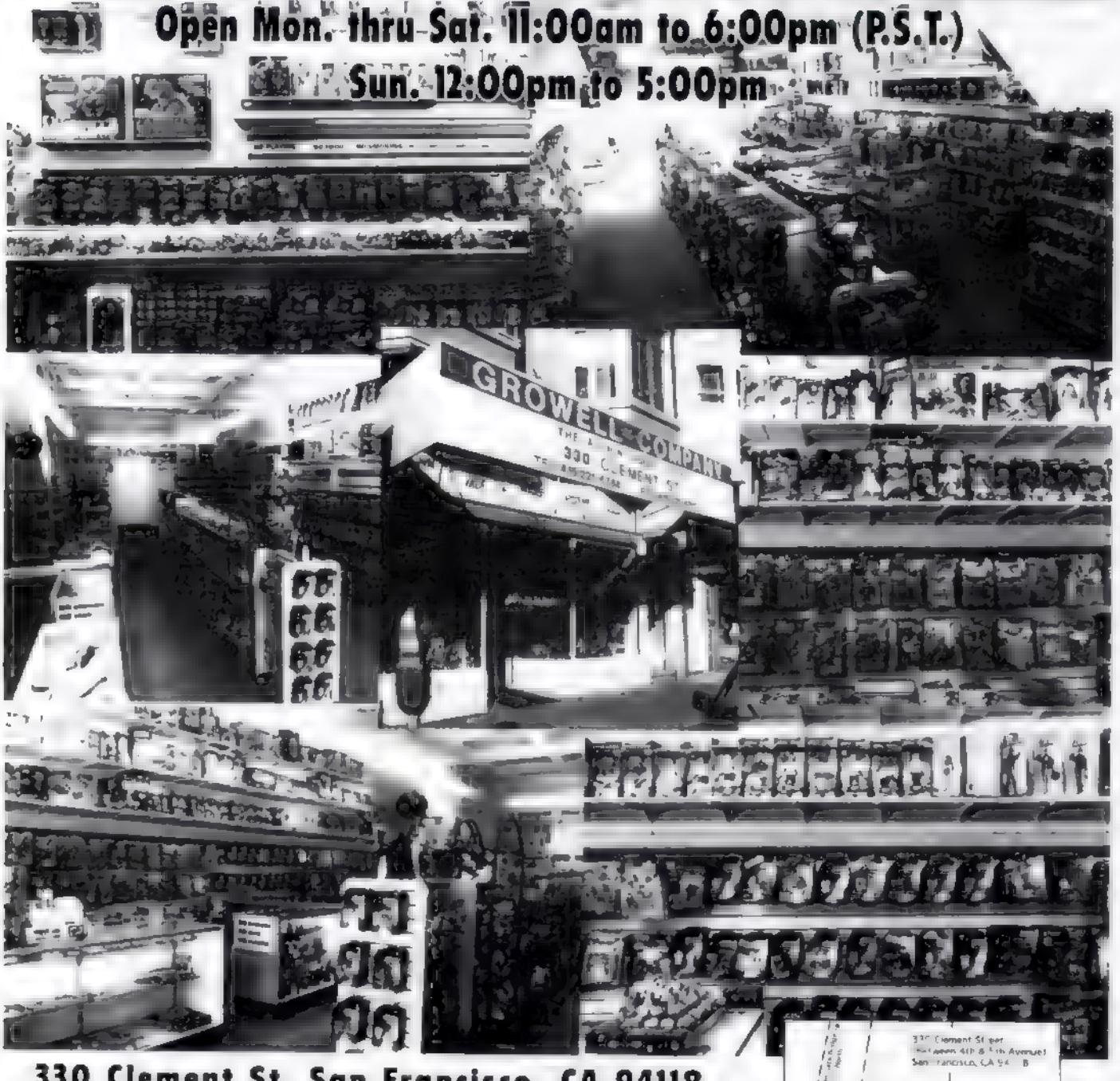

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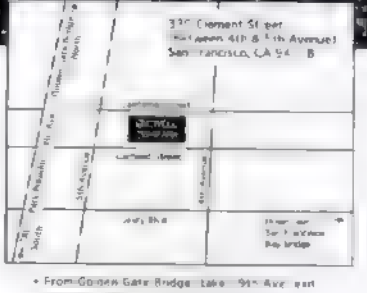

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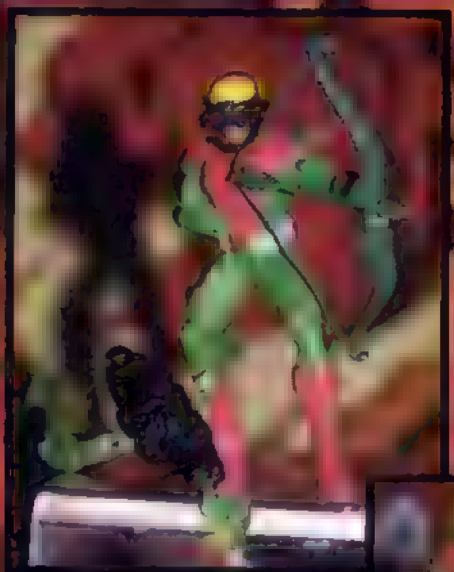

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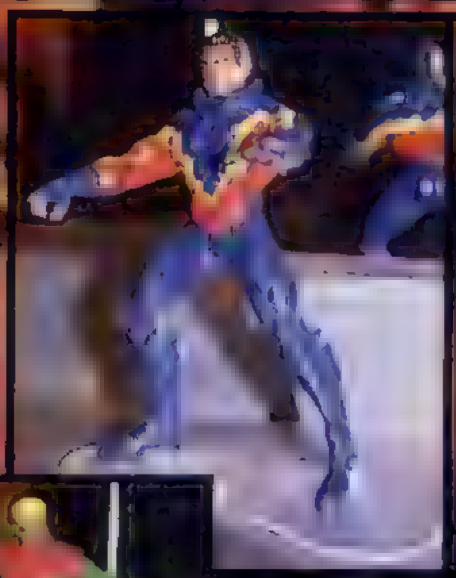

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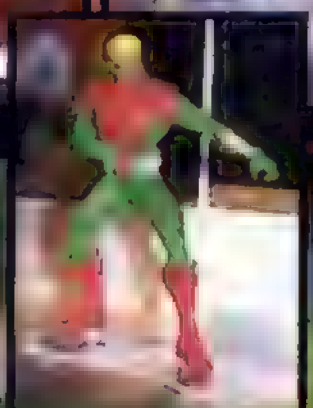
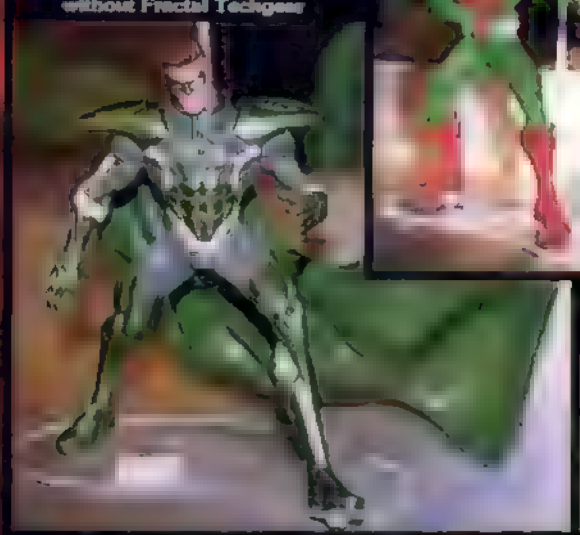
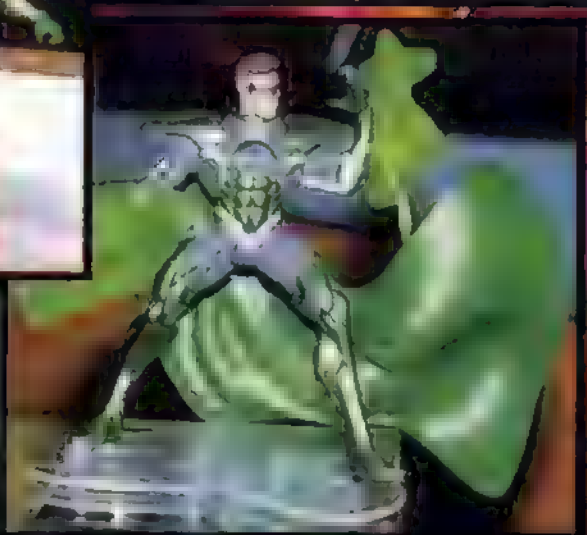
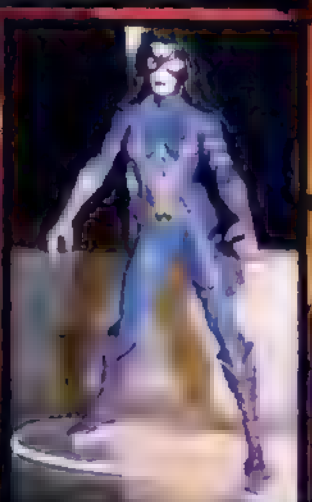






Parallax with and without Warped Field Blaster



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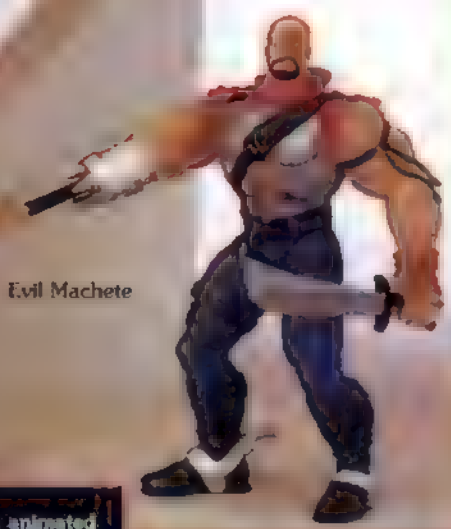

Evil Machete

Zorro returns in 1997, first in the Fall with a Warner Bros. animated series, then in a new Steven Spielberg/Amblin Entertainment film, *The Mask of Zorro*, starring Antonio Banderas and Anthony Hopkins, scheduled for holiday release. The first wave of Playmates figures will include figures shown on this page, plus Dark Night Zorro (not shown). A proposed second wave will include Scimitar, Crossbow, Conquistador, and Medieval Zorro figures, plus Moonstalker and Lady Rawhide.

Barbed Wire Zorro

Evil Ramon

Cold Steel Zorro

Ninja Turtles—The Next Mutation will be a new live-action television show, scheduled to premiere on the Fox Kids Network in Fall of 1997. The series will feature new villains, new vehicles, and the introduction of a new female Turtle: Venus de Milo.

The *Next Mutation* figure assortment from Playmates will have an expanded range of articulation, completely revised packaging, and "Real Turtle Skin Feel."

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Toy Fair '97

AFD's coverage of the New York Toy Fair held in February continues. This issue expands the *Star Trek* coverage, shows more Kenner and all of Galoob's *Star Wars* products, plus more from Mattel, including *Rugrats* and Disney's live-action *George of the Jungle*. Playmates' *Zorro*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, and *Looney Tunes* lines also appear, plus more Toy Biz, McFarlane Toys, Kenner, and Trendmasters figures to wrap up this third Toy Fair issue. Next month *AFD*'s Toy Fair coverage concludes with still more *Star Wars*, *Marvel Super Heroes*, *WWF*, *Star Trek*, McFarlane Toys, Mattel, and other lines not previously shown.

This Month's Cover

There are going to be many fantastic *Star Wars* exclusive retailer specials this year. The first we are able to publish is the Wampa/Luke 2-pack which will be available from Target in late summer. The 14" Wampa has plastic facial details, talons, and feet on his posable fake fur frame. The awesome twosome is completed with a 12" Luke in full Hoth outfit with gun and lightsaber. *AFD* has also learned that the 12" Chewbacca shown at Toy Fair will be enlarged to the 14" height. Keep Reading *AFD* for all the latest retailer exclusives.

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